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SUBJ: POSSIBLE PRESS STORY ON DISAPPEARANCE OF COASTAL VESSEL
CARRYING 37 PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED EARLY MORNING AUGUST 6 THAT COASTAL VESSEL FATIMA STAR CARRYING 37 STUDENTS TO WUVULU ISLAND (IN ADMIRALTY GROUP) FOR THREE WEEK SCIENTIFIC/EDUCATIONAL EXPEDITION HAD NOT ARRIVED AT WUVULU IS. STORY WAS PICKED UP BY DON HOOK OF AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION AND STRINGERS AND STORY MAY GET TO WIRE SERVICES BEFORE INFO THAT VESSEL WAS SIGHTED RETURNING TO WEWAK (ON NORTHERN COAST

AND PORT OF DEPARTURE) IS RECEIVED#.

2. IF DEPARTMENT QUERRIED, FACTS ARE THAT VESSEL MISSED ISLAND IN THE FOG AND WAS SIGHTED BY PLANE ENGAGED IN AIR SEARCH. VESSEL HAS RETURNED TO WEWAK. IT WILL MAKE SECOND DEPARTURE FOR WUVULU WITHIN NEXT DAY OR SO.
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